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## LIGHTS FOR BIKES

**Cyclists will see a lot more green in Prospect Park****By Natalie O'Neill***The Brooklyn Paper*

The city is giving Prospect Park cyclists the green light — literally. Stoplights on the park's loop will

remain green during all car-free hours unless pedestrians press buttons to activate reds in a new street set-up intended to bring order to the sometimes-chaotic roadway.

The push-button system means cyclists won't need to come to a halt at desolate intersections — and pedestrians will gain a sense of control at crosswalks, pedal-pushers and



### MEAN Streets

**The battle for Brooklyn's byways****By Eli Rosenberg***The Brooklyn Paper*

The city hopes a new road configuration will help cyclists and motorists share Lafayette Avenue

— but the Fort Greene group that petitioned for the street redesign fears it won't do enough to protect bicycle-riders.

Bike advocates working under

the name Make Lafayette Avenue Safer wish the city would stripe a cycling-only path on the thoroughfare in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill

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park officials say.

"It's another great step towards increasing predictability and safety for all," said Prospect Park administrator Emily Lloyd, who heads the road-sharing panel of park advocates, cyclists, and cops that hatched the plan.

Supporters of the new stoplight

See **GREEN** on page 3

Street lights will stay green all the time during car-free hours in Prospect Park — unless pedestrians push a button to change the signal.

## Checking in

**Developers: Bossert Hotel will live up to its name****By Alfred Ng***The Brooklyn Paper*

An iconic but long-closed Brooklyn Heights hotel will return as high-class resting place for tourists after a nearly three decade hiatus if developer David Bistricer gets his way.

Montague Street's Bossert Hotel building will go from



housing for visiting Jehovah's Witnesses to lodging for vacationers under a planned renovation that will turn the landmarked building into an elegant 302-room hotel with a "neighborhood feel," developers say.

"It's such a jewel of a hotel, and it'll bring a restaurant and

See **BOSSE**RT on page 12

The Bossert Hotel will become a hotel again, a developer says.

## Follow the lead-er

**Parents: Store sells dangerous furniture****By Natalie O'Neill***The Brooklyn Paper*

Trendy-but-toxic furniture sold at a Park Slope shop contains lead-based paint that puts kids at risk, according to parents

and federal health officials.

Some pieces of rustic furniture made from recycled barn wood at Trailer Park — a hip home-furnishing store on Sterling Place near Sixth Avenue —

tested at more than six times the legal limit for lead levels in products, say parents who claim they hired inspectors and conducted at-home tests.

See **LEAD** on page 12

Akua Brabham is upset her business is getting booted from DeKalb Market earlier than she expected.

## Market yields

**DeKalb's shipping containers forced out by megadevelopment****By Eli Rosenberg***The Brooklyn Paper*

Brooklyn's shipping container bazaar must move to make way for a long-planned skyscraper — months before the leases of many of its artisans and eateries expire.

Downtown developers say DeKalb Market, a collection of more than 30 food, clothing, and gift boutiques working out of freight containers on

a Willoughby Street lot, must vacate the property by October so the long-stalled City Point mega-development can finally break ground.

Merchants always knew they would eventually get booted from the space to make room for the planned housing and retail complex, which is replacing the Albee Square Mall and could one day boast Brooklyn's tallest building.

See **MARKET** on page 13

## Arboricide at garden

**Neighbors mourn deaths of beloved trees****By Natalie O'Neill***The Brooklyn Paper*

Arbor lovers on Bedford Avenue are hunting a pair of tree slashers who allegedly chopped down dozens of maples then tossed them into a wood-chopper and drove away in an unmarked car.

The chainsaw-wielding tree-killers cut through a fence then chopped down 45 shrubs and trees — some of them 30 feet tall — inside a gated garden on Bedford Avenue near Park Place on June 17, according to neighbors who snapped photographic evidence of the slaughter.



Neighbors say this man killed dozens of trees at a community garden on Bedford Avenue.



Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries was grinning from ear to ear after a victory at the polls.

## Jeffries trounces Barron

**Wins primary in congressional race to replace Towns**

### ELECTION 2012

**By Daniel Bush***The Brooklyn Paper*

Meet the new Towns! Assemblyman Hakeem Jeffries patted Councilman Charles Barron in a congressional primary fight to succeed Rep. Ed Towns — and represent more than a third of the borough in Congress — on Tuesday night by snagging 72 percent of the vote, early returns show.

## Velazquez victorious

**By Moses Jefferson***The Brooklyn Paper*

Rep. Nydia Velazquez had no trouble defeating three Democratic rivals including City Councilman Erik

With 98 percent of the precincts reporting in from the horeshoe-shaped district that now stretches from Fort Greene all the way to Coney Island

— including several southern Brooklyn neighborhoods once led by sex-toting-scandal-scarred Rep. Anthony

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Photo by the Parks Department

### JULY 4TH HOLIDAY



To honor America, The Brooklyn Paper will not publish a print edition next week as we take a break to celebrate Independence Day. We will return to the newsstand on Friday, July 13. As always, you can keep up with all the news at BrooklynPaper.com, which will continue to be updated. Have a great holiday!

Grab your towels and your swim trunks — because school's out and pool's in! The former home of summertime hipster concerts just got a whole lot cooler after the city completed a \$50-million renovation allowing the McCarron Park Pool to welcome swimmers for the first time since 1984. Following decades of decay and three years of reconstruction, the Olympic-sized North Brooklyn watering hole will become the borough's hottest aquatic attraction starting on June 28 — drawing scores of swimmers and sunbathers like it did back in the days of this 1937 photograph.

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# Coney's missing fun zone

A paperwork problem delays Cha-Cha's trumpeted return

By Daniel Bush  
The Brooklyn Paper

A Coney Island carny's return to the People's Playground has been put on hold because John "Cha-Cha" Ciarcia never filed the necessary permits to get his trumpeted amusement park off the ground.

The honky-tonk bar owner, who didn't fit in with Mayor Bloomberg's vision of turning Coney Island into a year-round tourist destination, announced that he would open Cha-Cha's Steeplechase Fun-Zone on Stillwell Avenue on Memorial Day weekend.

But Memorial Day weekend came and went and the park never opened—Department of Buildings inspectors intervened and shuttered the park before anyone stepped inside.

The park has been closed ever since.

Ciarcia dismissed the setback as a bureaucratic snafu and vowed to open the 12-ride park—which features a new spinning bumper car-style ride called the "Mega Whirl"—as soon as possible.

"There was a delay, but I'm going to open soon," Ciarcia said.

But Ciarcia has a long way



to go before his park can open its doors: Department of Buildings spokeswoman confirmed that Ciarcia still doesn't have a certificate of occupancy for his amusement park—a lot between the Boardwalk and Bowery Street. He doesn't have permits to operate the rides either, the spokeswoman confirmed.

Ciarcia refused to explain why he failed to get the permits—but his supporters were quick to defend him,

claiming the city targeted him because his park doesn't fit with Luna Park operator Central Amusements International's vision for Coney Island.

"The city went after the little guy," said Rican Vargas, the founder of Coney Island Dancers. "They wanted to make a statement."

But Department of Buildings spokeswoman said the agency was merely enforcing the law.

She said Ciarcia started

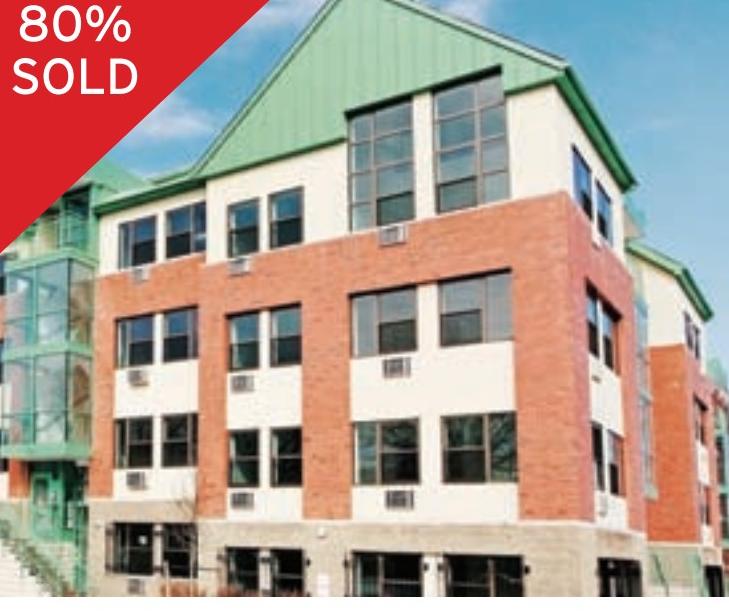
the paperwork process on June 13, but wouldn't say how long it would take.

Cha-Cha's Bar, Ciarcia's beloved watering hole known for its live music and gritty feel, was one of eight Boardwalk businesses that fought to stay open after Central Amusements petitioned to boot them from the iconic walkway. Ruby's Bar and Paul's Daughter were allowed to return, but Cha-Cha's and four other shops were evicted last year.

"This is my comeback," Ciarcia boasted at the time. "They threw me off the Boardwalk but they can't kick me out of Coney Island."



Photos by Elizabeth Graham  
John "Cha-Cha" Ciarcia's amusement park will feature rides, food stands, and a restaurant—when it opens.



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rather than turning one of street's two moving lanes into a "shared" route that's open to both bikes and cars.

"We wanted paint down," said the group's co-founder Ali Loxton. "Right now Lafayette Avenue is a free for all, but we're looking at this as a step in the right direction."

The city backed away from a previous plan to convert

one automotive lane into a full-time bike lane last year after outcry from neighbors—but Community Board 2 prompted the city to reintroduce a traffic-taming plan for Lafayette Avenue after Loxton and group co-founder Hilda Cohen collected 1,600 signatures in support of a cycling path.

Representatives from the

Department of Transportation told Fort Greene resi-

dents last week that they expect motorists will respect cyclists traveling ahead of them in the shared route by not passing inside the lane—and argued the communal path is the sole solution for Lafayette Avenue.

"The only way to create a bike lane would have been to remove a lane from the street," said project manager Preston Johnson. "We looked at the impact of the lane removal and it would have severely degraded the intersection and we decided it was not an option on the cycling-only lane."

Towns finally called it quits in April, announcing that he would retire at the end of the year after spending nearly three decades in Congress.

Jeffries, who was backed by Brooklyn Democratic Party boss Vito Lopez, quickly assumed frontrunner status after racking up the endorsements of dozens of elected officials and powerful labor unions.

But Towns evened the scales by endorsing Barron—an outspoken critic of Israel and fan of Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe and Libyan dictator Moammar Khadafy—in a surprise move that spoke more about his well-established ha-

tred for Brooklyn's Democratic boss than his love of Barron.

Barron's campaign started to falter in the final weeks when borough Jewish leaders denounced him as a "hate monger and anti-Semitic."

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winning easily with 61 percent of votes in the district, which stretches from Williamsburg, Greenpoint, and Bushwick along the waterfront to DUMBO, Brooklyn Heights, Cobble Hill, the Columbia Street Waterfront District, Red Hook, and Sunset Park, as well as parts of Queens and Manhattan.

Dilan, her closest rival,

managed to pull in only 26 percent of votes, according to NY1. Political newcomer Dan O'Connor received 10 percent of votes and professor and

Sunset Park district leader George Martinez snagged 3 percent of ballots.

Though she easily bested Dilan on election night, the pair ran a contentious race, with the Bushwick Councilman bashing Velazquez for opposing a law that protects loft-dwelling Brooklynites, and the Congresswoman—who boasted big endorsements from President Obama, Gov. Cuomo, and Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-Park Slope)—accusing her foe of being a lackey to influential Assemblyman and Democratic party boss Vito Lopez.

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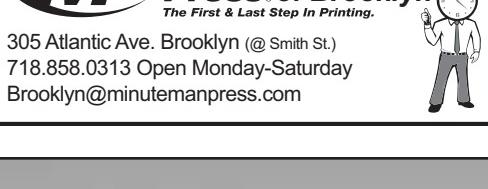
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# W'burg bribery charges

## Men accused of trying to buy victim's silence in sex abuse case

By Aaron Short  
The Brooklyn Paper

Prosecutors accused four Orthodox Jewish men of trying to use threats and bribes to convince a victim and a witness to drop a sexual assault case against an influential Williamsburg rabbi.

Brooklyn residents Abraham Rubin, 48, and brothers Joseph, Jacob, and Hertzka Berger were indicted in criminal court last Thursday for allegedly pressuring the victim and her boyfriend to not cooperate with law enforcement over the explosive sex-

ual molestation case they filed against ultra-Orthodox rabbi Nechemya Weberman last year.

Rubin bore the brunt of the charges for allegedly trying to buy the victim's silence with a \$500,000 bribe and advising them to flee the country. He even offered to provide the witness with an attorney who could help them learn techniques so they could be uncooperative at the trial, according to authorities.

Prosecutors slapped Rubin with four counts of bribing a



Courtesy Brooklyn District Attorney

witness, two counts of tampering with a witness, and one count of coercion. If convicted, he could face up to seven years in prison.

The Berger brothers received a separate indictment for pressuring the victim and the witness to stop helping law enforcement and threatening to close the witness's kosher restaurant, according to investigators.

Jacob Berger allegedly went to the witness's diner and ripped off its rabbi-isued kosher certification. The witness has since closed his

Williamsburg cafe.

Joseph Berger received a charge of aggravated harassment. He faces four years in prison if convicted. His siblings face charges of coercion and one year in prison if convicted.

Civic and religious leaders have chastised Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes for concealing the identity of sex abusers in Brooklyn's strictly conservative Hasidic communities — but Hynes said the indictments prove his office "will not tolerate individuals who try to interfere

with the pursuit of justice."

"Intimidation of victims and witnesses in sex abuse cases in the Orthodox community is what has made prosecuting these cases so difficult," said Hynes. "Victims were afraid to come forward because they would be threatened and shunned in their communities. My office spares no effort to conceal and protect the identities of sex crimes victims, regardless of their cultural or religious background."

A trial for Weberman, a Hasidic therapist who allegedly molested a 12-year-old girl from 2007 to 2010 during counseling sessions in his home-office, was set to begin this month but has been delayed.

Weberman and his attorney vehemently deny the molestation charges.

## Cops: Wrinkle cream bandit busted

### POLICE BLOTTER

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was sitting between 2nd and 3rd places when the thief grabbed the bag — which contained a wallet, credit card, NYU ID, MetroCard, and \$10 — and fled.

#### Phone home

Cops arrested three teens accused of snatching a woman's cellphone inside the Carroll Street train station on June 17.

An employee at the Rite Aid at the corner of Warren Street told cops he saw a man grabbing beauty products and exiting the store at 4:55 pm.

Officers say they apprehended a suspect about 5 minutes later and recovered the goods — and police sources say he was likely planning to sell the merchandise on the street, not use the shampoo and wrinkle cream himself.

#### Training day

Two women stole a strap-hanger's phone and beat her up when she tried to give chase on June 17.

The perps ripped an iPhone 4 from the victim's grasp at around 2:30 am on a Queens-bound G train as it arrived at the Carroll Street station.

The unlucky passenger tried to pursue the thieves, but they turned around, threw her to the ground, and punched her in the stomach, police said.

#### Purse pilfered

A crook snatched a woman's purse on Court Street on June 17.

The victim told cops she

was on foot patrol nearby, police sources say.

Cops say the teen was also carrying a bag containing marijuana.

#### Bag snag

Police cuffed a 21-year-old accused of stealing a black backpack from a Court Street pharmacy on June 20 and roughhousing a shop employee and cops who tried to stop him.

A worker at the shop on Court Street near First Place told investigators the thief shoved him to the ground at 7:40 pm and fled from the store with the bag.

Cops encountered the suspect at the corner of Clinton and Sackett streets and tried to place him under arrest, but he fought back, an officer said.

#### Too easy

A teen dropped a gun and fled when he crossed paths with a cop on Hicks Street on June 19 — but he ran directly into another officer, according to police.

Police cuffed a 16-year-old suspect who allegedly cracked a loaded Sturm, Ruger & Company .357 revolver to the ground and sprinted away after he spotted an officer near the corner of Mill Street at 8:20 pm.

Luckily for investigators, the suspect happened to collide with another officer who

was on foot patrol nearby, police sources say.

#### Ben Muessig

The suspect has been charged with robbery and resisting arrest.

#### Van plan

A thief jacked a van from State Street sometime between June 13 and June 18.

The owner said he parked the vehicle near Garden Place at 6 pm on June 13.

When he returned at 4 pm on June 18, the van was no longer there.

— Daniel Bush

#### 84 PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-Downtown

#### Biker gang

A gang of cyclists swiped a man's backpack on Smith Street on June 19.

The victim told cops he was near Schermerhorn Street at 11:15 pm when the gang pedaled up, grabbed his backpack, and sped away.

#### Clinton crook

A thief broke a Clinton Street home's window and stole two computers on June 19.

The occupant said he left the apartment between Atlantic Avenue and State Street at 10:30 am. When he returned at 6:30 pm, a kitchen window was broken and the laptops were missing.

#### Too easy

The 46-year-old victim told cops she withdrew the cash from a bank near Ninth Street, put the money in an envelope, and slipped it to her back pocket.

She later bumped into an older lady on the sidewalk — then noticed the money was gone three hours later.

#### Fashion police!

A crook swiped some designer clothes left on a First Street apartment stoop for dry-cleaning pick-up on June 15.

The 37-year-old victim told cops she placed a purple Armani dress and a pair of John Varvatos pants on her stoop near Eighth Avenue at 3 pm. She then learned her threads never made it to the shop.

#### Bashed ride

A perp smashed the window of a car parked on Sixth Avenue between April 17 and June 18 — and stole a laptop left inside.

The 48-year-old victim told cops she parked her red 2005 Nissan Pathfinder near Sixth Street.

She came back two months later and discovered her window shattered and the steering wheel, an air bag, and a laptop gone.

#### Oy-Phone

A thief swiped a man's iPhone from a bench in Brooklyn Bridge Park on June 16.

The victim said he left his cellphone on a bench near the park's Main Street entrance at 6 pm. When he returned to retrieve it one hour later, the phone was gone.

#### Punch out

A thug punched a pharmacist before fleeing the Duffield Street store with a pack of stolen gum on June 19.

The clerk said the thug entered the store near Wiloughby Street at 10:20 am and pocketed the bubble gum pack. When he confronted the thief, the jerk punched him in the face and ran out.

The clerk was treated for a minor injury at Brooklyn Hospital.

#### Computer caper

A crook stole a computer from a Washington Street office sometime between June 14 and June 21.

The victim told police that he left his office between Water and Front streets at 5 pm on June 17. When he returned

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When the driver got out of the vehicle to close it himself, the passenger attacked him and ran off with his \$200 glasses.

#### Smoking gun

A crook robbed a Fulton Street bodega in the early morning of June 21, but not before bumming a few smokes.

The victim told cops the man entered the store between Clinton and Waverly avenues at 3:28 am, pointed a gun at him, and said, "Give me all the money and a pack of Newport 100s."

After the clerk complied, the thief fled.

#### iPhone home

A crook strong-armed a cellphone away from a 53-year-old woman on Adelphi Street on June 22.

The victim told cops that she was on the front steps of a building between Lafayette and Greene avenues at 2:55 pm when the jerk grabbed her arm, tugged away her iPhone, and fled.

#### Motored away

A speedy thief made away with a motorcycle parked on Lafayette Avenue on June 24.

The 35-year-old victim told cops he left his motorcycle near Clinton Avenue at 2:15 pm, and returned at 8 pm to find it gone.

#### Open container

Police arrested a man who they say was drinking out of an open container on Carlton Avenue on June 20.

Cops said the man was drinking Grey Goose vodka and cranberry juice out of a plastic cup between Atlantic Avenue and Fulton Street at 8:47 pm and obstructing the sidewalk. When police tried to detain him, he pushed the officers and scratched them, officials said.

#### Natalie O'Neill

**88TH PRECINCT**  
Fort Greene-Carroll Gardens  
**Cab attack**

An belligerent taxi passenger assaulted a cabby on Washington Avenue on June 23 — and ran off with the driver's glasses.

The 33-year-old cab driver told cops he was picking up a passenger between Myrtle and Park avenues at 3:30 am when his fare refused to close the door.

#### Eli Rosenberg

A crook smashed a Grand Avenue apartment's window security gate and stole the tenant's laptop on June 19.

The 44-year-old victim told cops she left her place between Gates and Lexington avenues at 2 pm, and returned at 9:15 pm, only to find the gate smashed and her laptop gone.

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# EYE OF THE STORM

THE WORLD'S BEST CYCLONES COVERAGE

## New glove in his life

**Frenzel finally replaces mitt after years of taping**

By Will Bredderman

The Brooklyn Paper

It takes time to get over your first glove — just ask Cyclones first baseman Cole Frenzel.

The second-year slugger has finally retired a mangled old mitt he got when he started playing first base as a University of Arizona student in 2009 — and that he has managed to maintain ever since with do-it-yourself fixes using tape.

"I still have it in my locker, and I put it in my bag before every game, and I still play with it once in a while," he said.

So far Frenzel's seems to be doing okay using a glove held together with laces instead of adhesive strips.

He has one error in the first nine games of the season, and he'll have to play hard to top his performance last year, when he led all first basemen in the New York-Penn League with a .997 fielding percentage, com-



Courtesy Brooklyn Cyclones / George Napolitano

First baseman Cole Frenzel has finally traded in his old, taped-up glove for a new Rawlings "Heart of the Hide" mitt (pictured on his hand).

mitting just one error in 371 chances.

His play has impressed Clones skipper Rich Donnelly, who's also in his second year in Brooklyn.

"No one's worked harder than Cole. He's working on his defense, he's working on his offense, and he's playing with confidence," Donnelly said.

kota native said. "But I played a little with the new one, broke it in, and now it feels like the old one."

Even after moving on, Frenzel hasn't forgotten the times he shared with his first glove — and he's even gone back to the old mitt a few times.

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## CLONES COME ALIVE

Hurlers lead Brooklyn's boys of summer to big week

By Will Bredderman

The Brooklyn Paper

Cyclones 7

Yankees 2

June 20 at Richmond County Bank Stadium



The Cyclones came alive, carrying the squad to its third-straight victory over the hated Staten Island Yankees.

A Eudy Pina home run with two men on gave the club a two-run lead in the fourth. The rally continued in the sixth on doubles from Julio Concepcion and Brandon Nimmo double. The Yankees offense was stagnant, with Clones hurlers fanning nine.

Yankees 8

Cyclones 1

June 21 at MCU Park

The Clones fell to their hated cross-Harbor rivals as the Mini-Mets bullpen failed to follow up a strong start by Hansel Robles, posting the team's first loss of the season in a horrific 8-1 defeat.

Robles struck out seven batters in five innings and limited the Baby Bombers to just one run, but things went awry when reliever Beck Wheeler

let a runner on base with a bunt, followed by four hits, a passed ball, and a walk in a nightmare inning in which the Yankees batted around and scored six runs.

Ironbirds 6

Cyclones 1

June 22 at Ripken Stadium

Poor Cyclones pitching helped the Aberdeen Ironbirds trounce the Mini Mets 6-1 in Brooklyn's second loss in two days.

With the game tied at 1, reliever Darrin Fries took the mound in the seventh and gave up a double, a triple, two singles and a walk — allowing four Ironbirds to fly around the bases — before Coach Rich Donnelly yanked him.

Cyclones 7

Ironbirds 1

June 23 at Ripken Stadium

Big batting propelled the Cyclones past the Ironbirds in a show of power unseen

since the club's June 21 win over the reviled Staten Island Yankees.

The Clones broke the game open in the second inning with four runs, followed by a two-run dinger from designated hitter Kevin Plawecki in the fifth. A solo shot off the bat of shortstop Philip Evans sealed the win.

Cyclones 10

Ironbirds 5

June 24 at Ripken Stadium

Explosive offense gave the Cyclones the edge for the second night in a row, securing a Brooklyn victory in the rubber match of a three-game road series.

Designated hitter Alexander Sanchez did his job well, going four for five with two RBIs in the romp. Catcher Nelfi Zapata tallied three runs including a solo homer, while center fielder and top prospect Brandon Nimmo scored twice on three walks.

Cyclones 3

Renegades 0

June 25 at MCU Park

Clones pitchers blanked the Hudson Valley Renegades at home, continuing the team's winning streak.

Luis Mateo picked up his second win of the season with another exceptional outing, striking out seven batters in six innings and allowing just two hits and one walk. The bullpen showed similar strength, leaving the Baby Rays hitless for the rest of the game.

Renegades 4

Cyclones 2

June 26 at Dutchess Stadium

Clones mistakes allowed the Hudson Valley Renegades to snag a win.

The boys from Brooklyn started strong, but first baseman Cole Frenzel gave up a run in a botched a force attempt. A throwing error by left fielder Stefan Sabol put a runner on third base and a wild pitch by Darrin Fries brought that runner home.

The Cyclones are home again at MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497, www.brooklyn-cyclones.com] on June 29 at 7 pm as they face the Aberdeen Ironbirds.

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## FILM

**Talking race**

An African American filmmaker challenged stereotypes—and discovered that many of them are mostly true.

Most black people say they don't go camping, skiing, or practice atheism, according to "Black Folks Don't," a new web series by Crown Heights resident Angela Tucker that explores stereotypes about African American culture.

"Some stereotypes are based in truth," said Tucker, who's screening new episodes at Long Island University in Down-

town on July 9. "I was really interested in creating something where we could look at them in a new way."

The answers varied, but most respondents said the perceptions aren't entirely off base—and Tucker agreed.

"I love camping, for example," she said. "But I have to go camping with my white friends."

Of course, Tucker said there's no right or wrong answers—but an open dialogue on race relations doesn't hurt.

"Black Folk Don't" at Long Island University [1 University Plaza at Flatbush Avenue Extension (718) 222-4111, [blackfolkdon.com](http://blackfolkdon.com)]. July 9 at 7 pm. Free.

—Daniel Bush

## MURAL

**Street art**

First the Pearl Street Triangle went green—now it's going to the art scene.

The wedge-shaped public space at the foot of the Manhattan Bridge is the site of a new mural, which was painted over five days and documented from above for a stop-motion video.

Artist David Ellis is known for his "motion paintings," which show large improvised public pieces coming to fruition—but this mural is more than a pretty picture.

The colorful work was partly inspired by Ground Zero, with the imagery evoking the sentiment that "we can pull ourselves up," Ellis told the New York Post.

The painting, titled "PST," shows a figure with a helpless look on his face who is being lifted up by two giant hands.

DUMBO boosters say it will bring life to the pedestrian plaza.

"Ellis' piece is transformative—from green painted space to a truly unique street art experience," said Alexandria Sica, executive director of the DUMBO Improvement District. "PST will serve as inspiration while we plan for the permanent design of the plaza this Summer."

"PST" at the Pearl Street Triangle (Pearl street and Anchorage Place in DUMBO). —Sol Park

## JAZZ

**Busk a move**

These jazz musicians have turned caves into clubs.

Moon Hooch, the Brooklyn band who claim to have been banned from performing at the Bedford Avenue station on the L line for starting too many dance outbreaks, is bringing its new style of jazz, dubbed "cave music," to the stage at Brooklyn Bowl on July 6.

Think house music performed by two saxophonists and a drummer.

"It's a mixture of electronic concepts, improvisation, and loop-based beats," saxophonist Wenzel McGowan said.

After meeting at the New School for Jazz & Contemporary Music and moving next door to each other, the three started busking, playing together in subway stations, and parks for money.

Street performances haven't just earned the band money.

Busking has also earned the band the attention of other musicians—including indie rocker and former Soul Coughing leader Mike Doughty, who invited them on his national solo tour as a supporting act immediately after he saw them perform on the street.

Moon Hooch at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave., between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369, [brooklynbowl.com](http://brooklynbowl.com)]. July 6, 11:30 pm, \$10.

—Max Molshever

# Morbid library

*Oddity experts fight to save this creepy collection*

By Colin Mixson

*The Brooklyn Paper*

**A**n exhibit that celebrates man's fascination with death is poised to rise from the grave.

A bevy of silver-tongued scholars, scribes, raconteurs, and anecdotalists will tell the story of the lost relics of the Morbid Anatomy Library in a bid to raise money to rebuild the collection of macabre oddities that were damaged in a fire.

"The library is a small room, but it's filled floor to ceiling with medical books, taxidermy, art work, and postmortem photographs," said curator Joanna Ebenstein, who organized a series of rapid-fire micro-lectures on June 30.

"I'm interested in the fact that death in our time is considered a taboo topic. In other cultures it's considered an inevitable aspect of life, and I think it's perverse in a way that we're not supposed to talk about it."

The Morbid Anatomy Library, once a project-in-residence at the Proteus Gowanus gallery, was ruined following a particularly malevolent Good Friday this year, when artwork fashioned from antique pre-safety matches caught fire in an upstairs gallery, triggering the building's sprinkler system and inundating the museum's collection of rare books, artifacts, and anatomical curios in a ruinous deluge.

"I lost about 15 percent of the books,

some things that were pretty irreplaceable," said Ebenstein. "The lesson to be learned is don't ever accept an art piece made of pre-safety matches."

In bid to rebuild her exhibit of odd objects, Ebenstein has invited a motley crew of speakers to deliver a series of five-minute-long lectures about scientific and artistic oddities. Speakers include TV personalities Mike Zohn and Ryan Mathews of the Science Channel show "Oddities,"

"Still Life: Adventures in Taxidermy" author Melissa Milgrom, New York Magazine writer Mark Jacobson, "Portraits of the Mind" author Carl Schoonover, Lisa

## EXHIBIT

**Proteus Gowanus** [543 Union St. between Nevins and Bond streets in Gowanus, (718) 243-1572, [www.proteusgowanus.org](http://www.proteusgowanus.org)]. June 30, 8 pm. \$25.



Photos by Stefano Giovannini



**Macabre tchotches:** Joanna Ebenstein is throwing a fund-raiser to rebuild the Morbid Anatomy Library, which is home to dozens of weird relics such as a winged skull, an insect shadowbox, and a patterned human brain pillow (left to right).

O'Sullivan of the New York Academy of Medicine, "The Affected Provincial's Almanac" author Lord Whimsy, and Queens College professor Amy Herzog.

After an hour of lectures, Ebenstein will host a silent auction of macabre works of art, artifacts, and once-live specimens.

"I have a pretty good roster of friends

who do interesting work, either in photography, taxidermy, wax, or print and they've all donated a piece to help rebuild the library," said Ebenstein.

# Gameplayers get play

*Audience controls the action at Brick theater fest*By Natalie O'Neill  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

**T**he players are on stage—and in the seats, too.

A video game-inspired theater festival plays with the way reality and the often-cloistered world of gamer-geeks intersect with dramas about dungeon-crawling and zombie-killing game enthusiasts

as well as interactive installations and performances that let audiences grab the controller and direct the action.

"Of Dice and Men," a comedy with a serious edge, is one of the more traditional plays at the Brick Theater's Game Play festival, tells the story of a group of 30-something Dungeons and Dragons players who must confront the real world—and grap-

ple with what it means to grow up—when one of them goes to war in Iraq.

"It's a celebration of why we game and how it brings us together," said producer Gyda Arber.

In another play, the actors are video game characters themselves.

"Kwaidan" is an interpretation of Lafcadio Hearn's classic Jap-

anese ghost stories that unfolds on a giant screen starring video game avatars from "World of Warcraft" and "Halo: Reach"—pixelated players that are controlled by gamers on the internet.

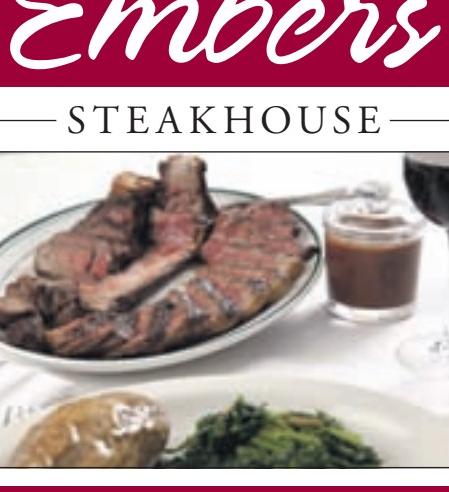
The festival aims to blur the lines between stage and seat, and game and player, in everything from audio-video installations to interactive theater.

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**Game's on!** Actors Amy Overman and Justin Plowman become Dungeons and Dragons geeks in a show at the Game Play festival.

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## EDITORS' PICKS

### SATURDAY

June 30



### Summer cool

Russian indie pop band Pompeya sound like Phoenix or Miike Snow—with light and somewhat melancholy tunes that remain youthful and energetic, with a small dose of funk. Kick off the Independence Day week grooving to this international buzz band and you'll have a reason to feel thankful that the Cold War is finally over.

8:30 pm at the Glasslands Gallery (289 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets, [glasslands.blogspot.com](#)). \$10.

### SUNDAY

July 1

### Hates hiking

Hannibal Buress loves to eat Halal food from street cars, but his friends always pressure him to do things like go outside, go hiking. Learn more about the comic's mundane struggles at the Knitting Factory, and hear jokes from a rising star who has been compared to Mitch Hedberg. He'll riff off about not crying while watching the movie "Up" and not getting scared watching "Paranormal Activity."

9 pm at the Knitting Factor (361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havenmeyer street, (347) 529-6696, [bk.knittingfactory.com](#)). Free.

8:30 pm at the Glasslands Gallery (289 Kent Ave. between S. First and S. Second streets, [glasslands.blogspot.com](#)). \$10.

### MONDAY

July 2



### Old haunt

Who you gonna call? Coney Island is probably the perfect place to watch the classic film, "Ghostbusters," where you'll half-expect a giant marshmallow man to rise up from the ocean and wander into the creepy amusements and get caught up in the Wonder Wheel. Trip out to this outdoor cinematic opportunity, and enjoy a concession stand that'll have you eating good.

7 pm Coney Island Dancers, 8:30 pm movie at Coney Island beach (3059 West 12th Street, [www.rooftopfilms.com](#)). Free.

### TUESDAY

July 3

### Bravest man

Bobby Womack's latest album is one of the most interesting musical showcases this year. Deep grimy electronic beats accompany the classic soul singer's voice, which sounds heartbreakingly wise. Arguably, his time has gone, and maybe the synthetic instrumentals are a sign of this—but his vocals transcend musical genres and eras and are always worth hearing.

8 pm at Music Hall of Williamsburg (66 N. Sixth Street, (718) 486-5400, [www.musicallofwilliamsburg.com](#)). \$30 advance / \$35.



### THURSDAY

July 6



### Microphone artist

Don't miss out on a chance to see Reggie Watts, the popular German-born and Brooklyn-based comedian and trip-hop artist, as he performs one of his improvised freestyle sessions over custom tunes—and who knows what else—as a part of the CBGB Festival.

7 pm at the Bell House (149 Seventh Street, (718) 643-6510, [www.thebellhouse.com](#)). \$23 advance / \$25

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**SUMMER EXHIBIT: Urban Garden:** This summer's exhibit offers practical tips to help urban dwellers green up their homes, with a focus on easy maintenance and sustainable practices in Lily Pool Terrace. An exhibit on BBC's innovative community horticultural outreach program, GreenBridge, is also featured in the Steinhardt Conservatory. 3 pm. Brooklyn Botanic Garden (1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220), [www.bbgb.org](#).

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# Unhip and proud of it

*Unabashedly emotional 90s rockers are back*

By Ian Rios  
for The Brooklyn Paper

They've gotten older — and they haven't gotten any cooler. Toad the Wet Sprocket, the 90s folk rockers famous for songs like "All I Want" and "Walk on the Ocean," have reunited and will bring their oversharing and emotional honesty to Brooklyn Bowl on July 31.

And don't worry — the cult favorites are still inspiring longtime fans to flip open their journals and get sentimental.

"People connected with us because our music was so willing to overshare," said Glen Phillips, the band's vocalist.

## MUSIC

Toad the Wet Sprocket at Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave., btwn North 11 and North 12 streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369, brooklynbowl.com] July 31, 6 pm. \$20.

Even in their heyday, the rockers never scored cool points, Phillips said.

"During the 90s, we were the ugly stepchildren with all these cool bands like Green Day and U2," he said. "We were softy, overly emotional geeks, when most rock bands were so good at being cool."

After taking 12 years off to pursue their own paths in the music industry, Toad the



Unhipsters: Toad the Wet Sprocket will play Brooklyn Bowl on July 31.

Wet Sprocket has come back together to find that they're all still on the same page — a markedly uncool page.

But the band still believes in giving the audience music that's deeply personal.

"We're the same people, but we have more questions now," said Phillips. "We wonder when we can retire, how the environment is affecting our kids, etcetera. We feel like we've grown up with our audience."

Toad the Wet Sprocket recently released "All You Want," a remake of some of their greatest hits.

It's an album that feels familiar while still fresh — it is, after all, a collection of popular Toad the Wet Sprocket songs covered by Toad the Wet Sprocket.

Since then, Phillips and the rest of the band have been hard at work making an album of new songs for release — and judging by the vocalist's attitude, it's not going to disappoint their overly earnest fans.

"If you look deep enough into anything, anything, there is beauty," Phillips said.

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# Crows coming home to roost

*Brooklyn fans excited to finally see their band play the borough*

By Eli Rosenberg  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Some children of Generation X have been waiting for this moment since 1991.

The Counting Crows may have been around for more than two decades, but the show they're playing in July will be their first gig in the indie music borough of Brooklyn.

Yes, your comically unhip boss's favorite band has toured the world in their 20-plus years of existence, but they have never stepped foot on the fertile ground that is a Brooklyn stage.

"I've been to Brooklyn," singer Adam Duritz promised. "I've just never played there."

The group, which the average editor would proba-

bly not deem "current," (of course, this is not your average newspaper) did peak in the 90s — known for trends such as Beanie Babies, "This is Your Brain on Drugs" commercials, and American prosperity — but they've been chugging along since, releasing three albums that culminated with the "Underwater Sunshine," a compilation of covers of mostly unknown songs that the band released in April.

In the right circles, the show the group will play on July 17 in Williamsburg is a marquee ticket.

"They may not be hip and trendy, but the Counting Crows are a solid rock band," said Community Newspaper Group editor Vince DiMiceli, who claims he heard "Mr. Jones," on the radio in 1993

and ran out to purchase a compact disc of the group's "August and Everything After," that same day. "They are accomplished musicians who are excellent song writers and they're not afraid to allow their influences to come out. Every year they should open Celebrate Brooklyn."

Duritz for his part, seemed to tacitly agree.

"I've always wanted to play Prospect Park," said the dread-locked frontman.

This arts reporter is glad the Crows are finally getting the chance, if only so his esteemed editor will stop asking about it.

The Counting Crows at the Williamsburg Park [50 Kent Avenue at North 12 Street, (718) 963-0830, www.ticketmaster.com]. July 17, 5 pm. \$50.

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## GAMES...

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"There's so much participation; it makes the experience that much more visceral," said Arber.

Another performance turns viewers' phones into game controllers by letting the audience decide what performers should do by sending texts mid-show—and actors respond in real-time.

The Brick Theater even riffs on the classic pre-performance warning, informing viewers: "This is a 'Text-Based-Aventure'; please don't turn off your cell phones."

The festival also has live music—augmented, of course, by games.

In "Modal Combat," two classical guitarists duel to the death, but their strums don't just



Photo by Stefano Giovanni

**Game stop:** Actor Len Rella and writer and director Charles Battersby are part of a theater festival focused on videogames and boardgames.

## 9 DAYS...

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don Shimoda, and Aufgabe #11. **Free.** 7 pm. The Old Stone House [336 3rd St. (718) 763-3195], [www.theoldstonehouse.org](http://www.theoldstonehouse.org).

### SUN, JULY 1

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**WED, JULY 4**

**GREENMARKET:** Local produce; fresh baked goods and seasonal goodies, WIC and Senior FMNP coupons accepted. **Free.** 8 am-3 pm. Bartel-Pritchard Circle (15th St. and Prospect Park West in Prospect Park), [www.prospectpark.org](http://www.prospectpark.org).

**YOGA ON THE FARM:** Join us on the lawn for one hour of yoga at the Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum

### MON, JULY 2

**READING, READING:** "With Liberty and Justice for Some: How the Law Is Used to Destroy Equality and Protect the Powerful": Left-wing commentator Glenn Greenwald launches the paperback edition of his latest book, which discusses how the American justice system has become a tool of the 1%. \$5. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

### TUES, JULY 3

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**FRI, JULY 6**

**MUSIC, JACK WARSHAW AT FREDDY'S BAR:** Jack returns to his home town from Hampshire, England where he has lived and made his name as a folksinger/songwriter over 4 decades. **Free.** 6:30 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 688-0131], [www.freddysbar.com](http://www.freddysbar.com).

**OPERA IN FLATBUSH:** Menotti's "The Medium" shows with a cast that includes artists from Opera Oggi's Young Artist Program. **Free.** 8 pm. Flatbush Reformed Church [890 Flatbush Ave. in Flatbush, (718) 284-5140], [www.flatbush-church.org](http://www.flatbush-church.org).

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### WED, JULY 4

**CONCERT, CATCH THE BEAT:** Late-summer house band the Beat Connection throws it down at the Knitting Factory to celebrate the release of a new EP. \$12. 8:30 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave.

**THURS, JULY 5**

**MOVIES, SYFY MOVIES WITH A VIEW: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (PG):** This is the 13th season of Brooklyn Bridge Park's movie series on Thursdays this summer. Shorts are curated by BAMcinématké, and DJs from Brooklyn Radio kick off the evening. Bike valet provided by Transportation Alternatives. **Free.** 6 pm. Brooklyn Bridge Park [334 Furman Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-9939], [www.brooklynbridgepark.org](http://www.brooklynbridgepark.org).

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make music, they trigger kung-fu characters to do battle in a modified version of the classic game "Mortal Kombat."

Artists also updated the drab gray lines of the original "Etch-a-Sketch" by designing a knobbed toy that lets festival-goers create drawings decorated with text and scored by random cello notes.

It all amounts to a unique and inventive theater experience that explores game culture and interactive storytelling, Arber said.

"It's easy to sit and be passive during entertainment," said Arber. "But sometimes it's more fun to be involved."

Game Play festival at the Brick [575 Metropolitan Ave. between Union Avenue and Lorimer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 907-6189, [www.bricktheater.com](http://www.bricktheater.com)], July 6-28. Tickets \$5-15.

and filmmakers in the world are coming out of Brooklyn. 8:00 pm. Doors open, 8:30 pm. Live music, 9:00 pm. Films. FREE. 8 pm. MetroTech Commons [Bridge Street and Johnson Street in Downtown Brooklyn, (718) 417-7362], [www.rooftopfilms.com/2012/schedule/new-york-filmmakers](http://www.rooftopfilms.com/2012/schedule/new-york-filmmakers).

### SAT, JULY 7

#### OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**TOUR, DITMAS PARK WALKING TOUR:** Ditmas Park's glorious collection of old houses are the subject of this walking tour, lead by historian Francis Morrone. \$20. 2 pm. Ditmas Park, (212) 935-2075, [www.mas.org/tours](http://www.mas.org/tours).

**PERFORMANCE**

**MUSIC, STAR SPANGLED SUMMER:** Outdoor concert performed by the Brooklyn Community Wind Ensemble and Concert Band. **Free.** 8 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Oxford Street in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596], [www.onstageatkinsborough.org/tours](http://www.onstageatkinsborough.org/tours).

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# Band is bold, old

Classic ragtime band brings tunes to boro

By Will Bredderman

The Brooklyn Paper

**P**ut on your boater and wax up your moustaches.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra, the world's only professional ragtime ensemble — complete with strings and horns — are playing the classic syncopated sounds of the early 20th Century, putting on a set of songs by the legendary performer and tunesmith George M. Cohan. Broadway star Colin Pritchard will actually be



Golden oldies: The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra is coming to Brooklyn.

singing and dancing along to music, at the Hot Summer Nights concert series at Kingsborough College on July 14.

The show marks the second time at Kingsborough for the orchestra, and conductor Rick Benjamin says he loves the venue for both its seaside breezes and the area's heritage.

"Many musicians from the 19th and 20th Centuries hung out in the area," said Benjamin, naming composer John Philip Souza as one of the neighborhood's old regulars.

Benjamin, who formed Paragon with fellow Juilliard students after finding a sheaf of old sheet music by the Victor Talking Machine Company in 1986, said the Cohan-centric songset came out of a crate he found in an attic holding many of the musician's pieces.

"It's what I do, I discover lost musical scores, and I present my discoveries as concerts and recordings," said Benjamin.

Kingsborough director Anna Becker says she likes the Cohan material — which includes the classic "It's a Grand Old Flag" — for its good old-fashioned Americanism.

"It has a great patriotic frame to it, which our audience will enjoy," Becker said, adding that she will clear the floor in front of the stage for those who want to show off their old-school dance moves.

For Benjamin, Cohan's work is the foundation of the United States's musical culture.

"The very idea of rhythmic music with syncopation as American music was pioneered by George Cohan," Benjamin said.

And Pritchard's performance, complete with improvised story-telling asides in the style of the master himself — "resurrecting the ghost of Cohan," as Benjamin puts it — brings the whole show together.

Paragon Ragtime Orchestra at Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Boulevard between Perry and Decatur avenues in Manhattan Beach, (914) 764-3133]. July 14, 8 pm. Free.



## BAR SCRRAWL



By Bill Roundy

Last Friday's thunderstorms didn't keep people from the opening of The Owl Farm, in the space that was once Harry Bolands Pub.



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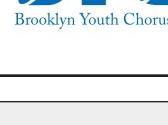
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## CUPCAKE...

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in the previously unrivaled Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog-Eating Championship.

"It's going to be wild," LaMontagne, co-owner of the famed cupcakery Georgetown Cupcake, told Brooklyn Daily. "We've never done a cupcake-eating contest before."

Seven professional competitive eaters from All Pro Eating, the organization sanctioning the event, will square off at 5 pm on W. 12th Street to see who can scarf down more vanilla cupcakes with vanilla buttercream frosting in eight minutes, event organizers said.

LaMontagne predicted that the winner will eat around 60 treats—but even that would fall short of the record set by Pat "Deep Dish" Bertoletti, who ate a stunning 72 cupcakes in just six minutes at the Isle Waterloo World Cupcake Eating Championship in April.

That contest was sanctioned by Major League Eating, the organization that runs the annual Coney frank-fest.

Bertoletti said cupcakes are a competitive eater's dream.

"As long as they're soft and fresh they're really easy to get down," said Bertoletti, who will be competing in the Nathan's hot dog showdown

## MARKET...

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ing. But few expected that would happen before their leases run up at the end of December.

"It's been a roller-coaster," said Allison Robicelli, who co-owns Robicelli's, a cupcake and brownie shop that opened with the market last summer. "We felt like we were going to get more notice to plan for the future."

The cupcake contest will be filmed for an upcoming episode of "DC Cupcakes" that will air on The Learning Channel this fall.

*Cupcake eating contest at Deno's Wonder Wheel [3059 W. 12th Street in Coney Island; (718) 372-2592] on June 30 at 5 pm.*

where that will be.

Market organizers did not return calls for comment, but last month a spokeswoman for the trendy souk said they had been expecting to receive a notice of eviction.

The builders behind the City Point project—which received \$20 million in bonds from the federal stimulus package—said the market must move because they recently forged an agreement with the department store Century 21 to open a shop in their development.

"[The decision] was really driven by the commitment of Century 21 and the housing developers to the site," said

project spokesman Tom Montvel-Cohen. "DeKalb Market was an interim use of the area, but it's been a great thing to bring people downtown and attract them to the area."

So great in fact that some Brooklynites are lamenting the pending closure of the market, which they said was just hitting its stride with the addition of new vendors, more events, and a license to sell beer and wine.

"This place is just coming alive and turning into a destination," said Julie Marlowe, who works at an industrial design firm nearby. "These are unique small businesses that I'd much rather support—I'm not sure what a big retail mall will be to the neighborhood."

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Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings Index # 52424/12

WILLIAM CHUN v. MIYUKI CHUN (F/K/A WAN WAN CHUN), Plaintiff, Defendant. Summons & Notice in action for a divorce. Venue based upon Plaintiff's residence. Cause of action on the grounds of DRL Section 170 subd. (2)-the abandonment of the Plaintiff by the Defendant for a period of more than one year. You are summoned to appear in this action by serving a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney, Jeffrey B. Peltz, P.C., 26 Court Street, Suite 2707, Brooklyn, New York 11242, (718) 625-0800, within 30 days after service is

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS UNIMAYER DEVELOPMENT CORP., Plaintiff against J.P. PYRAMID LLC, et al

Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 31, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee as 667 GRAND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 2,244,594.52 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 20867/09. ELENA MAKAU, ESQ., Referee. Robert L. Lewis, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 7 Penn Plaza, Suite 1602 New York, NY 10001

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